the fiscal deficit could have been brought down had these arrears been collected as indicated below:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	GDP	Fiscal Deficit	% age	Arrear	Fiscal Deficit if arrear were collected	% age over GDP
1998-99	1740935	103737	5.96	44143	59594	3.42
1999-2000	1929641	104717	5.43	52970	51747	2.68
2000-2001	2087988	111972	5.36	59425	52547	2.52

(c) 'Economic reforms' is an on going process under which various aspects of tax administration are periodically reviewed and re-formulated. The Government are aware of the magnitude of the arrear demand and steps, both legislative and administrative have been taken to liquidate the outstanding taxes.

Export of onions from Karnataka

*70. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Government of Karnataka has requested Government to allow export of onion through Karnataka Government agencies; and

(b) if so, the quantity of onion allowed for export through Government agencies for the year 2001- 2002 and 2002-2003?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) and (b) Government of Karnataka had requested for the appointment of two Cooperative Agencies as additional canalising agencies, one for Bangalore Rose Onion and the other for other varieties.

Bangalore Rose onion, though canalised, can be exported freely without any restriction. The allocation of other variety of onion through these agencies in 2001-02 so far has been 26,500 MTs. As for 2002-03, the question of allocation does not arise at this stage.

Leasing of space at Delhi Airport to Jet Airways

*71. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the policy regarding leasing out space at airport terminals togetherwith the duration thereof;

(b) whether a deviation has been made recently in favour of Jet Airways; and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the terms and conditions of leasing out to Jet Airways at Delhi Airport for use as an exclusive terminal togetherwith the duration of the lease; and

(d) the circumstances and grounds for giving them longer period of five years of lease?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) Space at the airport terminal is licensed in terms of the commercial policy for a period of 3 years at the applicable licence fee prevailing from time to time.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise, since no exclusive terminal has been leased out to Jet Airways at Delhi Airport.

Posts vacant in public sector Insurance companies

*72. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the top public sector Insurance companies continue to remain headless for long time;

(b) if so, details of these posts and since when they were lying vacant;

(c) whether these posts have been filled up; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHEPATIL): (a) and (b) The post of Chairman-cum-Managing Director, National Insurance Company Limited and Oriental Insurance Company Limited and New India Assurance Company Limited have fallen vacant on superannuation of the existing incumbents on 30.9.2001, 31.10.2001 and 28.2.2002 respectively. The post of Chairman, Life Insurance Corporation of India has fallen vacant on 20.2.2002.

(c) and (d) The posts have been filled up temporarily and the process for filling up of these posts on regular basis is underway.